

**REMARKS**

By the present Amendment, various revisions have been made throughout the specification. In addition, certain of the claims have been amended to address the points raised in the Official Action. More precisely, claim 1 has been amended to replace the period in the middle of the claim with a colon (:). Claims 13 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and the substances thereof have been presented as new claims 18 and 19. In new claim 18, formula (7) has been revised to include the counter ion " $Z^{1-}$ " and the corresponding positive sign on the quadrivalent nitrogen. In addition, the claim has been revised to indicate that when  $X^1$  represents the substituent represented by formula (6),  $Z^{1-}$  is unnecessary. The presence of a counter ion is illustrated in the representative embodiments such as set forth on pages 136 and 137 and pages 155-156. Similarly, IR-29 on page 158 illustrates an embodiment wherein the group represented by formula (6) is present,  $Z^{1-}$  is unnecessary. Accordingly, the Examiner's position with respect to claim 13 is believed to be fully met by new claim 18.

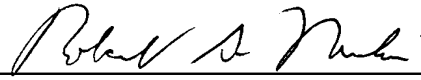
Claim 14 has similarly been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claim 19 is believed to meet all of the points set forth in Section 4. of the Official Action. More specifically, claim 19 does not contain a reference to  $R^7$  and the substance of the claim has been rearranged so that the groups for  $R^9$  are set forth directly below the reference to this group. Furthermore, the counter ion for the group represented by formula (9) has been added and the definition relating thereto is now present at the end of the claim. A representative embodiment of such a compound with a counter ion is IR31 found on page 159 of the specification.

Since all matters raised in the Official Action have been fully met by the instant Amendment, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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